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[By Mr. WICKHAM, from Committee on Military Affairs.]

A BILL

To be entitled An Act to provide payment for horses killed or lost in the service of the Confederate States.

1 *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact,*
2 That when any mounted officer or soldier of the Confederate
3 States shall have sustained damage since the 1st day of Febru-
4 ary, 1861, or shall hereafter sustain damage, without fault or
5 negligence on his part, by reason of the loss of a horse killed
6 in battle, or wounded in battle so that he afterwards die or be-
7 come permanently disabled from his wounds, or by abandon-
8 ment, by order of his officer, on account of his wounds, or on
9 account of inability to keep up with his command on any march,
10 and thus lost; or by capture of a horse whilst in the discharge
11 of his duty, or by the loss of his horse by reason of being sep-
12 arated from him by order of his officer whilst in the discharge
13 of his duties either in the field or at any station; or by the kill-
14 ing of his horse by order of his regimental or brigade comman-
15 der to prevent the spreading of disease in his command; or by
16 the loss of a horse by excessive use or by unavoidable accident,
17 in the execution of an order from a superior officer; or by the

18 loss of the usual and necessary clothing and equipments, by rea-
 19 son of the loss of a horse as aforesaid, he shall be entitled, upon
 20 certificate of the facts by his commanding officer, approved by
 21 his brigade, division, corps or army commander, to receive from
 22 any quartermaster of the Confederate States as compensation
 23 therefor, the appraised value of such horse and the regulation
 24 value of such clothing or equipments; and if from any cause such
 25 horse has not been appraised previous to the time when lost,
 26 compensation shall be made therefor to an extent to be fixed by
 27 two commissioned officers, approved by the regimental comman-
 28 der.

1 Sec. 2. When any horse is rendered permanently unfit for
 2 service, under circumstances that entitle the owner to compen-
 3 sation therefor, it shall be turned over to some quartermaster,
 4 and by him be sold, or otherwise disposed of, for the benefit of
 5 the government.